

84TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 40

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 1955

Mr. SHEEHAN submitted the following concurrent resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2   *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a Joint Com-  
3   mittee on Intelligence Matters to be composed of nine Mem-  
4   bers of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the  
5   Senate, and nine Members of the House of Representatives  
6   to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representa-  
7   tives. In each instance not more than five Members shall  
8   be members of the same political party.

9       SEC. 2. The joint committee shall make continuing  
10   studies of the intelligence activities and problems relating to  
11   the gathering of intelligence affecting the national security  
12   and of its coordination and utilization by the various depart-

1 ments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government.  
2 The Central Intelligence Agency and related intelligence  
3 services shall keep the joint committee fully and currently  
4 informed with respect to their activities. All bills, resolu-  
5 tions, and other matters in the Senate or the House of Repre-  
6 sentatives relating primarily to the Central Intelligence  
7 Agency and related intelligence services shall be referred  
8 to the joint committee. The members of the joint committee  
9 who are Members of the Senate shall from time to time  
10 report to the Senate, and the members of the joint committee  
11 who are Members of the House of Representatives shall  
12 from time to time report to the House, by bill or otherwise,  
13 their recommendations with respect to matters within the  
14 jurisdiction of their respective Houses which are (1) referred  
15 to the joint committee or (2) otherwise within the juris-  
16 diction of the joint committee.

17 SEC. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-  
18 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members  
19 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall  
20 be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original  
21 selection. The joint committee shall select a chairman and  
22 a vice chairman from among its members.

23 SEC. 4. The joint committee, or any duly authorized  
24 subcommittee thereof is authorized to hold such hearings,

1 to sit and act at such places and times, to require, by sub-  
2 pena or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the  
3 production of such books, papers, and documents, to ad-  
4 minister such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such  
5 printing and binding, and to make such expenditures as it  
6 deems advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report  
7 such hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred  
8 words.

9 SEC. 5. The joint committee is empowered to appoint  
10 such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and  
11 stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and advisable.  
12 The committee is authorized to utilize the services, informa-  
13 tion, facilities, and personnel of the departments and estab-  
14 lishments of the Government.

15 SEC. 6. The expenses of the joint committee, which shall  
16 not exceed \$ per year, shall be paid one-half from  
17 the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from the  
18 contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon  
19 vouchers signed by the chairman. Disbursements to pay  
20 such expenses shall be made by the Secretary of the Senate  
21 out of the contingent fund of the Senate, such contingent  
22 fund to be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the House  
23 of Representatives in the amount of one-half of the dis-  
24 bursement so made.

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